

1 22. (new) A method of deploying a directory service to a client,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 providing data storage service including a data store having a
4 plurality of directory entries;

5 providing a web service, said service capable of serving up web
6 pages and having an API coupled to said data store and a wrapper
7 coupled to said API;

8 receiving at said wrapper a query from a client application, and
9 in response thereto sending said query from said wrapper to said
10 API and thereafter to said data store; and

11 receiving at said API a directory entry from said data store in
12 response to said query, and sending said directory entry to said
13 client application.

REMARKS

New claim 22 has been added.

Originally filed claims 1 - 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li (U.S. Patent 6,748,386 B1) in view of Gupta (U.S. Patent 5,826,258), and for some of the dependent claims also in view of Kumar (U.S. Patent 6,343,287) or Coden (U.S. Patent 5,873,080) or Madnick (U.S. Patent 6,282,537). All of the originally filed claims are grouped together in this response because the identical argument applies to all of these.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration of prior invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, effectively removing Li as a reference to

these claims. Inventor James Doran is located at a remote site. His signature can be provided if requested by the Examiner. Since all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) require Li, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of such rejections.

The Application is deemed in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707, 707.07(d) and 707.07(j) in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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